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The Government has granted an extension to November 1st on the time when all subscriptions shall be paid in advance or papers discontinued, at which time it is imperative on our part to comply with this rule. If your paper has a blue cross in the square at the head of this article, it signifies that your subscription has or will expire on or before November 1st. We have but a few left who have not paid, and are anxious that those come into the fold, for we do not wish to discontinue a single subscriber and hope we may not be compelled to.

REMEMBER THE DATE, NOVEMBER 1st.

WAR TRAINS ARE COMING

Trophies Captured from the Germans Will Be Displayed Here on Wednesday.

IN ALMA FOR TWO HOURS

Fokker Plane, Anti-Aircraft Guns and Much Other Material to Be Shown.

The greatest collection of war trophies that has ever been gathered together will be seen in Alma on Wednesday, October 16, from 1:15 until 3:15 p. m., when two special trains, which are being sent through the Seventh Federal Reserve district, are held in Alma so that the people of the county may have the chance to see them.

Each train consists of three flat cars loaded with captured cannon, German airplanes, and like trophies, a box-car containing thousands of smaller articles, a sleeping car carrying a lecturer, an escort of soldiers and a company of sailors.

Among the trophies is a captured German Fokker plane, which was at one time claimed by the Germans to be too swift to be shot down, but which the superior American planes brought to earth. Another is a German anti-aircraft gun, still mounted on an automobile, just as it was when captured from the Huns. There are hundreds of other trophies taken from the Huns, on these trains that will have a high interest to the people of the county.

The German trophies are not the only interesting ones, however, as there are machine guns which the Yanks are using at the front, the rifles, mortars, etc.

It is an attraction which Gratiot people may never again have the chance to see and they are requested to be in Alma that day for this exhibition if possible. Find out some of the things that the Liberty bonds are buying.

RIFLE RANGE

Bayonet Course and Rifle Range New Things for College.

The revolutionizing of Alma college from a sectarian institution of learning to a girls' college and a military school, will bring into being a bayonet course and a rifle range at the college.

The bayonet course is now under the process of construction, and the course is being made at the east end of Davis field, within the fenced enclosure, but close enough to it so that the football and baseball fields are not injured by it.

Just where the rifle range will be constructed is not known, but it will be constructed just as soon as the ground can be secured on which it can be located.

NON-COM. APPOINTED

The non-commissioned officers for the S. A. T. C. at Alma college have been appointed, two Alma men being among the four who have been chosen for these positions. The men appointed are Glen Campbell and Lee Sharar of Alma, Carroll Wenger of Saginaw and Glen Richards of Detroit.

THE HONOR ROLL

The honor roll of the towns and townships which have gone over the top with their quotas in the Liberty Loan campaign in Gratiot county are Ithaca, St. Louis, Alma and the Ashley and Bannister precincts of Elba township.

Elba township is the first township to subscribe its quota, according to James W. Robinson, county chairman, based upon reports up to Tuesday night.

GELSTON TO ACCEPT

Rev. Willis L. Gelston, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Michigan City, Ind., to whom a call to become the pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city was recently extended, has indicated his acceptance. The date of his assuming the duties of the position has not yet been fixed, but presumably it will be in the near future.

WOMEN OF GRATIOT

DESIRE THE BALLOT

Petitions Circulated Among the Women of County Show This Plainly.

The canvass of the women of Gratiot county reveals one fact, if no other, and that is that the women of the county want the ballot on the same footing as the men, ninety-eight per cent of them having signed to this effect while the petitions were being circulated through the various cities, towns and townships.

They are much disappointed that there will be no chance to vote for a nation-wide amendment this fall, but are hoping to conquer the state and win the ballot in Michigan, at the November elections.

The women point with pride at the closing remarks of President Wilson's recent address to the U. S. senate in behalf of suffrage, when he said, "We shall need their moral sense to preserve what is right and fine and worthy in our system of life as well as to discover just what it is that ought to be purified and reformed. Without their counselings we shall be only half wise."

The women had another big disappointment in Alma last week, when a telegram was received, which announced that Dr. Shaw would not be able to appear in Alma on Tuesday evening last, for her scheduled address in behalf of suffrage in Michigan.

Large public gatherings are being frowned at by the state board of health due to the prevalence of Spanish influenza, and for this reason the scheduled trip of Dr. Shaw was called off, and she will not make any of her six scheduled addresses in Michigan.

In spite of their many disappointments the women plan to keep right on hustling for the November election in Michigan and have a strong feeling that suffrage will carry this fall, and to this end every good worker in the county is being used.

Newspaper advertisements, donated by merchants are starting in various papers this week, as an aid in the work.

CONFER DEGREE

Prof. Frederick Oxtoby of Huron College Given D. D. Degree.

Yesterday morning at the chapel exercises Professor Frederick B. Oxtoby of Huron college, S. D., received the degree of D. D. from Alma college, the degree having been voted to him by the trustees of the college last spring.

Prof. Oxtoby, who is the professor of Bible at Huron college, was to have been here for the meeting of the Synod, and as a result it was planned to confer the degree while he was here.

He is the son of Rev. Oxtoby, former minister of Saginaw, whose influence had much to do with the founding of Alma college, the Presbyterian educational institution of Michigan.

TWO MORE GAMES HERE

The Alma high school football schedule announced by Coach Maxwell Tuesday calls for three games here and three away, in addition to the games which were played.

The schedule follows:
October 11—Ithaca at Ithaca.
October 18—Midland at Midland.
October 25—Midland here.
November 1—Owosso at Owosso.
November 8—Ithaca here.

Wanigas at Brunner's.—64-4f

Smoke the best, Wanigas.—64-4f

TEACHERS' ASS'N TO MEET HERE

Ninety-Ninth Semi-Annual Sessions Will Be Convened in Alma.

WARRINER IS CONDUCTOR

Will Be Held Monday and Tuesday, October 21 and 22 at the High School.

The 99th semi-annual Teachers' Association of Gratiot county will meet at the high school in this city on Monday and Tuesday, October 21 and 22.

President E. C. Warriner of the Central Michigan Normal at Mt. Pleasant will be the conductor of the meetings, and Dr. F. H. Green of Westchester State Normal, Westchester, Pa., and E. E. Fell, Supt. of schools at Holland, Mich., will act as instructors.

The program for the two day meeting is as follows:

Monday—Forenoon

9:00 Opening Exercises.

Invocation

9:30 "Interrogation Points" Dr. F. H. Green

10:30 Recess and Enrollment

10:45 Music

"How to Study, I." Pres. E. C. Warriner

11:41 Question Box

12:00 Noon

Monday—Afternoon

1:15 Opening Exercises

1:30 "How to Study, II." Pres. E. C. Warriner

2:50 Recess

2:45 Music

"Guiding Principles in Teaching Literature" Dr. F. H. Green

8:45 Question Box

Monday—Evening

7:30 Music

Invocation

"Re-Education of the Soldier" Pres. E. C. Warriner

Music

"An Appreciation of the 'Vision of Sir Launfal'" Dr. F. H. Green

Tuesday—Forenoon

9:00 Opening Exercises

Invocation

9:30 "Professional Spirit" Supt. E. E. Fell

10:30 Recess

10:45 Music

"Measuring School-Room Achievements" Pres. E. C. Warriner

11:45 Question Box

12:00 Intermission

Tuesday—Afternoon

1:15 Opening Exercises

1:30 "Socializing the School and the Community" Supt. E. E. Fell

2:30 Recess

2:45 Music

"Our Schools and the War" Pres. E. C. Warriner

LIST NON-BUYERS

Those Who Do Not Buy Bonds Will Have Their Names Published.

The Gratiot county war board has come out flat-footed against the slacker of the Liberty Loan campaign which is nuder way, and such men will find small comfort from their neighbors once the campaign is over, as the board has determined on publishing the names of the slackers in the newspapers of the county.

The determination of the board to take this step means that it will be known throughout the county, just who are standing behind the men at the front, and those who should be buying bonds, and yet are not, in other words who are out and out slackers.

There is no question but what the newspapers of the county will gladly aid the war board in this step. They feel that Gratiot has no room for slackers, and will back any good move in this direction.

The weather report for September shows a mean temperature of 54 degrees with a maximum of 78 on the 1st, and a minimum of 30 degrees on the 26th. The total precipitation for the month was 3.55 inches, the greatest in twenty-four hours being 1.77 inches on the 4th. There were seven clear days during the month, ten partly cloudy and thirteen cloudy. There were thunder storms on the 15 and 18.

VIGILANCE COMMITTEE AT WORK

The vigilance committee of Gratiot county is now at work rounding up slackers on the Fourth Liberty Loan, and during the coming week those who are able and have not subscribed to the Fourth Loan will get a visit from this committee.

There are some who are able to subscribe to a far greater extent than they have done, who will also be visited. These are men of means, who are seeking to hide behind fifty dollar subscriptions, when they should take several times that amount.

BADLY BEATEN

High School Team Took Bad Defeat From East Siders.

Greatly outweighed the Alma high school football team, with its team of green men, was able to offer only a feeble resistance to the smashes of the veteran Saginaw East Side high team in Friday's battle and went to defeat by a score of 82 to 0.

The heavy Saginaw team, with eight veterans of three years' experience in playing together, and Whitney, the former St. Louis star, giving her nine old men, was able to smash down the defense of the locals at almost any stage of the game, and this coupled with a good interference netted long gains, some by Haskins and Skinn going for forty and sixty yards.

The Alma team fought hard, but was without a knowledge of the fine points of the game to help, everything working against the light youngsters. "Rus" Murphy's playing featured the work of the locals.

BUCKBOROUGH WRITES

INTERESTING LETTER

Former Alma Man, at Front, Writes Highly Interesting Letter to His Parents.

One of the most interesting letters from the front which The Record is privileged to publish is the following from L. Verne Buckborough, who resided on Wright avenue when he went into the service about a year ago:

"Somewhere in France. Hdq. Co. Inf., A. E. F.

"Dearest Mother and Dad:

"It has been an awful long time since I have had the opportunity to write a word home; not so long perhaps, but it has seemed ages to me. We are in rest now, after having been on the front line for eight days, the line where the Americans made themselves famous, not only for America herself, but for the people at large. The division that I am with made a splendid record, and the 125th—well, we just naturally couldn't stop going—and you ought to see those Germans run. Our line advanced over 29 kilometers while we were in action. They burned their ammunition dumps as they retreated and most very night you could see big glares of light against the cloudy sky. Our skies here are never clear.

"Of course this country is war-scarred, but thank God, it all belongs to France now, the people God intended should have it. There are unsightly sights around, but one gets accustomed to unusual things after seeing blood first hand at the front. Within twenty feet of where I am writing is a dead German. Some of the boys are covering him up with earth so the small won't be so strong as to disturb our slumber tonight.

"Souvenirs galore. I have often dreamed of things I would like to have, but now as I see them all around me, they are uninviting. I detest them. A German helmet. Oh, how I dreamed of one to send home, but no—it brings a lump in my throat that almost chokes me.

"War is a terrible thing. If a man only had a larger realization of life, we would not need all the destruction and suffering. I can't describe it. 'Well, I suppose you are anxiously waiting for me to tell you what we have been doing—the band. As per regulation, we are stretcher bearers in line of action, and right here let me tell you it's mighty hard work, especially if you have a big man on the stretcher and we are going through shell fire. When I say 'shell fire' I know you only have a vague meaning of the word. It's hell again.

"You remember Forest House? Well, he was the only one in our family that we had to leave behind, a grave in a poppy field. I will describe the incident that led up to his death and fourteen other deaths in the same place.

"Rain. Oh, how it rained. The roads were churned to putty by the immense traffic and walking was hard. We had just taken our third man off the field and evacuated him in a substantial looking dugout when an old building. Our aid station was located in the same place, only in another compartment. A lot of fellows were there; all men of our company and the band boys. We were joking and having a good time. Shelling was growing lighter all the time and we were taking a much needed rest. Hungry? Well that's no name for it. A Y. M. C. A. Ford drove up outside the gate of the old farm and how we did run out to buy some peaches and cookies—anything sweet.

"While we were waiting in line, waiting our turn to come to buy the goods, the Boche started shelling the old farmhouse again. This time they used a fourteen inch shell (they are whoppers, had when they explode, they send a rain of dirt and stones three hundred feet in the air).

"The 'Y' man got considerable excited and drove away in due haste. While we were cursing him under our breath two more shells dropped nearer the farmhouse. I ran inside and was wondering what on earth I should do. I grabbed 'Connie,' the harrier, and yelled to the other fellows to 'beat it' for something was going to happen. Most of the fellows 'dog' some remained; some went into the first aid station as did

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CIVIC LEAGUE MAKES APPEAL

Ladies of Alma Want the Park At Depot Left Just as It Is.

SEEK ANOTHER CITY PARK

Want Land Around City Wells and Pumping Station Made into a Beauty Spot.

The ladies of the Civic Improvement league of this city have sent to the city council two appeals, which they have high hopes will be given the close attention of that body, as the ladies feel that the subjects taken up in them are of considerable importance to the city.

One of these deals with the question of a park, where the city wells are, and where the pumping station is to be located, while the other deals with the proposal to take forty feet of the park at the depot, to be used as a site for an express building.

The two communications sent to the council by the ladies follow:

To the Mayor and Council of Alma, Dear Sirs:

The Civic League hears with deep regret and even consternation, that forty feet of the park at the railway station may soon be taken over by the railroad company acting under the Government as a site for an express building.

We feel that this is the only really finished and beautiful public spot in Alma; it has now for eight years received the constant and devoted attention of the league; we submit several photographs herewith to show what its condition was in June of this year, and we are all agreed that to encroach upon this small beauty-spot of ours and of our town's would be a most unfortunate thing.

It has been suggested to us by one in authority in the railroad that an ideal site for this express building would be west of the water tank; we therefore would suggest to the city the closing of the end of Prospect street south of the tracks where there are only two houses, and which is very little used as a thoroughfare and the arranging with the railroad company to build there instead of on the site suggested.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Charles G. Rhodes, Corresponding Sec'y. To the Mayor and Council of Alma, and especially to Mr. E. F. Smith, Chairman Committee on Parks.

Dear Sirs: The Civic Improvement League being always interested in the beautifying of the city, would respectfully suggest, without knowing what is already planned, that the land where the new wells are and which is to have a pumping station built upon it, be made a public park as is done in most cities with such property; that as few trees and shrubs as possible be cut down in order to build the station and that a good landscape architect, who does only that kind of work, be employed to make a plan of the best future appearance and use of the park. Also that the same policy be carried out with regard to Wright Park. We believe that only in this way can we have two fine public parks in two different localities, which will be most necessary for the growing needs of our population.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Charles G. Rhodes, Corresponding Sec'y.

TO LEASE MAPLES

Gratiot Club Will Lease State Street Property for Club Rooms.

A meeting of the Gratiot club was held at the city hall last evening, at which time the directors were elected to hold office for a period of six months, and it was decided to lease The Maples, on State street, for a term of three years for the club-rooms. Officers were also elected.

The directors elected were H. M. Crooks, J. W. Blakely, W. G. Rath, George Ogden, Francis King, Rev. Jackson, C. G. Rhodes, C. H. Washburn, and J. C. Chick.

The directors elected the officers as follows: President, H. M. Crooks; vice president, Francis King; secretary, W. G. Rath; treasurer, C. H. Washburn.

After it had been decided to lease The Maples, the directors were given the power to remodel and refurbish the building and put it in shape for the club rooms.

When the changes are completed, there will be an auditorium, reception rooms, etc. Pool and billiard tables and card tables will be installed, as will a lunch room.

There are now about two hundred members in the club and with the list still open it is possible for other business and professional men to join. The membership committee which consists of Rath, Darragh, Brown, Blakely and Chick, decided on all membership applications.

It is very probable that one afternoon and evening in each week will be held for the ladies, at which time they will have the use of the club-rooms.

Wanigas at Brunner's.—64-4f

Smoke the best, Wanigas.—64-4f

GOOD CROWD

State Troop Night Drew Out a Big Crowd in Alma.

Friday evening, State Troop night here, drew out a crowd of several thousand people, who thoroughly enjoyed the attractions offered by the troops during the course of the evening.

The evening's entertainment was started with a parade in which were featured the State Troops of Alma, Ithaca and Mt. Pleasant, nearly a hundred Red Cross workers, Liberty trucks and the Republic band. The parade drew a big hand from the thousands of people who lined the curb on each side of Superior street from the city hall to the Arcade hotel.

The parade was followed by drill exhibitions by the three state troop companies, each of which drew its share of applause from the onlookers. Rev. Duffey of the M. E. church was called upon for an address on the Liberty Loan, and the address, while short, was to the point, and not one person in the assembly, with good American spirit in his body, but what was cheered and heartened by his message. The band slackers in the crowd, if there were any, must have felt themselves mighty small in such a patriotic gathering, when under the scorching words of Rev. Duffey.

During the address and the exhibitions by the State Troops, the ladies of the Red Cross were around through the crowd selling dance privileges for the dance on the pavement, and during the evening secured nearly one hundred dollars for the Red Cross fund.

DUTIES OF COMMISSION

ARE GIVEN IN CHARTER

Work of Commission is Clearly Set Forth in the Proposed Charter for City.

Chapter twenty-seven of the proposed charter gives the city commission the right to establish, construct and maintain sewers and drains wherever necessary, and provides that private property for this purpose may be taken, as provided in the chapter, when private property is taken for public use. It also provides that the commission shall have the management, supervision and control of such sewers. It provides for the initial steps for the construction, etc., of such sewers.

In chapter twenty-eight it is provided that the city commission shall have supervision of all public highways, bridges, streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks and public grounds within the city, and shall cause them to be kept in repair and free from nuisance. Power to lay out, open, widen, extend, straighten, alter, close or abolish any street or alley is also given to the commission, as is the power to take private property for such purposes. The establishing of grades, etc., will also be in the hands of the commission. It also provides for special assessments for paving, and also for such sidewalks as may from time to time be constructed.

Chapter twenty-nine gives to the commission the power to pave, plank, gravel, curb or otherwise improve and repair highways, streets, avenues, etc., within the city, and to defray the expenses therefor. It provides that it shall be the duty of any person owning lots adjoining streets to be paved, to put in and lay all sewer, water and gas connections in front of their lands, and carry the same beyond the curb line, of such proposed pavement. In case of failure to make such connections the commission will have power to make such connections, which will be levied as a special tax.

It also provides that the commission may determine the amount to be paid towards such improvement from the general street fund of the city and the amount to be paid from the special assessments.

In chapter thirty it is provided that the city commission shall have the needed power for street regulation, so that obstructions and encroachments in, and encroachments on the highways, etc., may be prohibited. The power to regulate the planting of shade trees in the highways, etc., of the city will be in the hands of the commission, as will be the placing of light poles, etc. The power to regulate traffic, etc., will also be in the hands of the commission.

Chapter thirty-one gives the city commission the control of all sidewalks in the public streets and alleys of the city, together with the power to build, repair, etc., and to charge the expense of the lots adjoining such walks. It will also have the power to cause the residents to remove snow and ice from their walks, etc., or that it may provide for this work with the cost to be paid from the general street fund, or street district fund. In case the residents are ordered to keep walks in repair, and free from ice, snow, etc., and fail to do so, the commission will have the power to do this work and charge the cost against such property.

The power to regulate and prohibit the places of signs, awnings, etc., on or over the sidewalks shall be in the hands of the commission.

Mrs. William Wysel of Ann Arbor is visiting with Alma friends for a few days.

JACKIE BAND DREW CROWD

Thousands of People Turned Out Sunday in St. Louis, Ithaca and Alma.

WEATHER HURT MEETINGS

Low Temperature During the Day Caused Shortening of Outside Concerts.

Although the weather Sunday was bitterly cold, thousands of people from all sections of the county turned out to greet the Jackie band and the speakers in St. Louis, Ithaca and Alma, and it is very probable that in the three towns over twenty-five thousand people turned out, making the events the largest attended loan meetings of any which have yet been held in the county.

The Jackie band arrived in Alma at an early hour Sunday on a special train, and at an early hour went to St. Louis, where it was scheduled for a meeting at 9:00. The streets of the city were thronged, in spite of the early hour. It was too cold, however, to hold the meeting on the streets and it was adjourned to the opera house, which was jammed to the limit. Many who had gone for miles to hear the Jackies in St. Louis were unable to get into the opera house, but stood around the door, hoping that they might be able to get in and stand in some corner before the meeting was over.

The band gave a good concert there and the speakers gave some good addresses which were listened to with close attention from the large audience.

From St. Louis the band and the speakers went to Ithaca where a meeting was held immediately after dinner. Crowds thronged the streets at the county seat, there probably being at least a thousand more people out in Ithaca than in St. Louis, to hear the Jackies, many of whom had gone to Ithaca from the southernmost townships of the county. The meeting in Ithaca lasted for nearly three hours.

Following the meeting in Ithaca one was held on the streets here, which were jammed in the vicinity of the Wright House by several thousand people. The State Troops were out and gave a short drill, and this was followed by a short concert by the Jackies.

In the evening two big meetings were held, one at the M. E. church and one at the Presbyterian church, both of which were crowded to capacity. The Jackie band gave a short concert in each church, and the speakers gave some short but splendid addresses on the loan.

The effect that the Jackie band and the speakers had in Gratiot county was made very evident Monday when the subscriptions took a leap upwards, after having dropped to a low point, to which they had clung for two or three days. One bank in Alma alone reported over \$18,000 in subscriptions to the Fourth Liberty Loan on Monday, which would indicate that the visit of the Jackies to Gratiot county had been of great aid in behalf of the loan campaign.

POSTPONED

Officers of Presbyterian Synod Postponed Meeting This Week.

The meeting of the Presbyterian Synod, which was to have been held in Alma from Tuesday until Friday, was postponed by the officers of the Synod on recommendation of Dr. Olin of the State Board of Health, as a precautionary measure against the spread of influenza.

It had been reported in some places that the Synodical meeting had been postponed because of influenza in this city, but the report to this effect was unfounded, the real reason simply being one of precaution against further spread of the disease, which might be very possible from a meeting of the kind attended by delegates from every section of the state.

FLY HONOR FLAGS

Ithaca, St. Louis and Alma are flying honor flags from the flag-pole of the city hall in each of these splendid Gratiot county cities, which were practically over the top at the end of the first day of Fourth Liberty Loan drive.

The more or less latent spirit of the three towns had become awakened with a rush, when the losses commenced to touch at home, and when the Fourth Loan was announced, it found these Gratiot communities awake to their full share of responsibility in backing up the boys. It was speedily backed, and is being backed the more, as the campaign goes on, as each of the three is going well over the top.

The honor flags in the three towns were raised to the breezes Sunday when the Jackie band was in the county.